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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner: Robert Deemie

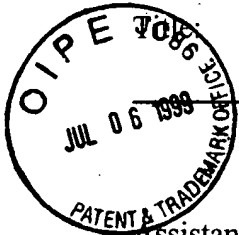
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ESTERS OF 5-AMINOLEVULINIC ACID AS PHOTSENSITIZING
AGENTS IN PHOTOCHEMOTHERAPY



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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated December 30, 1998, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks and the enclosed Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §132.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from March 30, 1999, to June 30, 1999.

Please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

Please add the enclosed Abstract (separate sheet) to the application.

At page 29, lines 10-12, please delete "The same sections were subsequently stained with routine H&E staining for histological identification."

At page 30, Example 12, second paragraph, the first line, please delete "(A)" and replace it with --(B)--.

At page 30, Example 12, second paragraph, the last line, please delete "(B)" and replace it with --(A)--.

At page 31, second full paragraph, third line, after "24" please insert --hours--.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-20 and add new claims 21-36.

21.(NEW) A method for the diagnosis or photochemotherapeutic treatment of disorders or abnormalities of external or internal surfaces of the body, comprising: i) administering to the sites of investigation or affected surfaces a composition comprising a compound of formula I